

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A contrast agent comprising stabilized microbubbles, said stabilized microbubbles comprising a physiologically acceptable gas selected from the group consisting of freons, halogenated hydrocarbons, and fluorinated gases, said stabilized microbubbles being stabilized, at least in part, by a surfactant.

2.-26. Canceled.